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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The illustrated carrier 16 also includes a front leg 60 extending parallel to the stationary member 12 from the bottom wall 34 of the carrier 16 adjacent the bottom cross bar 57. The front leg 60 is a rectangular plate with a width slightly larger that the width of the tape 58 and that extends approximately to the circumference of the circle or semi-circle of the stationary member 12. As described in more detail below, the front leg 60 is used to make the template 20. An inner guide 62 is connected to a top 66 of the front leg 60 adjacent the tape roller 52. The inner guide 62 has a flat panel 64 with a pair of arms 68 that extend upwardly and at an angle away from the carrier 16 from opposite ends of an inner edge of the flat panel 64. A rotatable wheel 70 extends between each of the arms and the flat panel 64. The rotatable wheels 70 have a distance between them substantially equal to the width of the tape 58. The inner guide 62 functions to direct the tape 58 as the tape 58 extends from the carrier 16. The illustrated front leg 60 also has an outer guide 72 attached to the top 66 of a distal end 75 of the front leg 60. The outer guide 72 has the same configuration and functions in the same manner as the inner guide 62 to direct the tape 58 in a straight line from the carrier 16. In an alternative embodiment, the front leg 60 has a U-shaped cross section, with the tape 58 located within the U-shaped cross section. The front leg 60 of the alternative embodiment only includes a pin at a distal end of the front leg 60 that extends between the two side walls of the U-shaped cross section. The pin is located above the tape 58 and holds the tape 58 within the side walls of the front leg 60.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The reference numeral 10a (FIG. 9) generally designates another embodiment of the present invention, having a measuring and layout device. Since measuring and layout device 10a is similar to the previously described measuring and layout device 10, similar parts appearing in FIG. 1 and FIG. 9, respectively, are represented by the same, corresponding reference number, except for the suffix "a" in the numerals of the latter. In the measuring and

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layout device 10a, the carrier 16a does not include a front leg 60. The tape 58a of the tape measure 18a is resilient and has a pair of well-defined hard edges 112. The first resilient edges 112 of the measuring and layout device 10a take the place of the straight line 100. Therefore, the lines 98a drawn on the template 20a are drawn along the resilient edges 112.—

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:



-- As seen in Figure 12, the measuring and layout device 10c is used by first placing the straight edge 13c of the semi-circular stationary member 12c along a first edge 126 of the area 22c. The tape 58c is then extended to a first critical feature 128 of the area 22c, with the point 120 touching the first critical feature 128. When the first critical feature 128 is measured, the second portion 124 of the pivotable pointer 116 is directly above and aligned with the tape 58c. The distance 21c and the line 98c are then written on the template 20c on the stationary member 12c as described above. The tape 58c is then rotated to a second critical feature 130 of the area 22c, with the point 120 touching the second critical feature 128. Once again, the distance 21c and the line 98c is written on the template 20c on the stationary member 12c with the second portion 124 of the pivotable pointer 116 above and aligned with the tape 58c. Thereafter, the tape 58c is rotated to meet a second edge 131 of the area 22a. The pivotable pointer 116 is rotated so that a first straight edge 132 of the pivotable pointer 116 is aligned with the second edge 131. The distance 21c and the line 98c of the blade 58c to the first straight edge 132 are then written on the template 20c on the stationary member 12c as described above. The tape 58c is then finally rotated to meet a third edge 136 of the area 22a. The pivotable pointer 116 is once again rotated so that a second straight edge 133 of the pivotable pointer 116 is aligned with the third edge 136. Furthermore, the distance 21c and the line 98c of the blade 58c to the second straight edge 133 are then written on the template 20c on the stationary member 12c as described above.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:



-- The reference numeral 10d (FIG. 14) generally designates another embodiment of the present invention, having a measuring and layout device. Since measuring and layout device 10d is similar to the previously described measuring and layout device 10, similar parts appearing in FIG. 3 and FIG. 14, respectively, are represented by the same, corresponding reference number, except for the suffix "d" in the numerals of the latter. In the measuring and layout device 10d, a battery-operated motor and motor controller 150 replaces the crank arm 42 and the handle 44 of the tape measure extender 38d. The battery-operated motor and motor controller 150 perform the same function as the crank arm 42 and the handle 44 by turning the top cross bar 40d. Alternatively, the battery operated motor and motor controller 150 could be connected to the middle cross bar 48d in order to extend the tape 58d by rotating the tape roller 58d. Therefore, the crank arm 42, the handle 44, the cross bar 40, the first pulley wheel 46, the second pulley wheel 54 and the drive belt 56 could be removed from the measuring and layout device 10d. In another alternative embodiment, the top cross bar 40 or the middle cross bar 48 could be configured with a central opening whereby a drill bit of a drill could be inserted axially into the top cross bar 40 or the middle cross bar 48 through the carrier 16 in order to rotate the top cross bar 40 or the middle cross bar 48. Therefore, the battery-operated motor 150 would include the drill and the drill bit. It is contemplated that the motor and motor controller 150 could be operably connected to pinch rollers 150' for extending and retracting the tape (Fig. 14A).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 30 with the following rewritten paragraph:



--Fig. 15 generally designates another embodiment and method of using an electronic measuring and layout device of the present invention. In the electronic measuring and layout device, the angle and distance device 15e is an electronic angle and distance measuring device 15e. The electronic angle and distance measuring device 15e electronically measures feature location information including the angles and distances from a predetermined point to the